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PAPERS reſpecting INSTRUCTIONS from the LORD LIEUTENANT of IRELAND to the COMMISSIONERS of the BOARD of WORKS in IRELAND.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable *Charles Abbot* to the Right Honourable *Sackville Hamilton*, the Right Honourable *Richard Anneſley*, and the Honourable Colonel *Napier*.

Sir, Dublin Caſtle, 28th September, 1801.

HIS Excellency the Lord Lieutenant being deſirous that the Expenditure of Public Monies under the Direction of the Board of Works, ſhould be conducted in ſuch Manner as may moſt effectually ſecure the due Application thereof, has thought fit to direct that an Examination ſhould be had of the preſent Mode in uſe, and that in caſe the ſame ſhall appear to admit of any Alteration for the Benefit of His Majeſty's Service, ſuch Alterations ſhould be duly weighed and ſubmitted to His Excellency's conſideration.

With this view His Excellency commands me to ſignify to you his deſire, that you, together with the Right Honourable *Richard Anneſley*, and the Honourable Colonel *Napier*, do proceed to make the fulleſt Inveſtigation into the preſent Mode of conducting the Civil Expenditure of that Department, aſcertaining by what Authority Expences are incurred; how the Execution of the ſeveral Services is examined and controlled; in what Manner are the Monies advanced or paid; and by whom, and on what Vouchers.

To enable you to make this Enquiry with effect, Orders have been given to the Board of Works to furniſh you with every neceſſary Information, and to call before you all Perſons whom you ſhall think proper to examine, and to ſubmit to your Inſpection all ſuch Books, Papers, and Documents, as you ſhall require.

Having taken the whole into your mature Conſideration, you will report to me fully thereupon for His Excellency's Information, and likewiſe point out ſuch Alterations (if any) for the better Management of the Department, as ſhall appear to you to be fit, and generally communicate your Opinion upon the whole of this important Subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES ABBOT.

Right Honourable *Sackville Hamilton*.

Like Letters, ſame date, to the Right Honourable *Richard Anneſley*, and the Honourable Colonel *Napier*.

Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable *Charles Abbot* to the Commiſſioners of the Board of Works.

Dublin Caſtle, 28th September 1801.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

HIS Excellency the Lord Lieutenant having deſired the Right Honourable *Sackville Hamilton*, the Right Honourable *Richard Anneſley*, and the Honourable Colonel *Napier*, to inveſtigate the preſent Mode of conducting the Civil Expenditure of the Board of Works, and to report their Opinion thereupon;—

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I am commanded by His Excellency to ſignify to you his deſire, that you will furniſh thoſe Gentlemen with every neceſſary Information for that Purpoſe, and that you will call before them all Perſons whom they ſhall think proper to examine, and ſubmit to their Inſpection all ſuch Books, Papers, and Documents, as they ſhall require.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES ABBOT.

Commiſſioners of the Board of Works.

By His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

Inſtructions for His Majeſty's Commiſſioners of the Board of Works.

Hardwicke.

1. IN as much as the purpoſe of inſtituting a Board of Works was to ſecure an œconomical Expenditure in that Department, and as this ſalutary end may be here fully attained if the Duties of the Commiſſioners, and of the ſeveral Officers, are more diſtinctly ſpecified; His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, by virtue of the power recited in the Letters Patent, nominating and appointing the preſent Commiſſioners of the Board of Works, which directs, that they ſhall govern themſelves "By ſuch Rules, Orders, and Inſtructions, as they ſhall from time to time receive, "ſigned by the Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*," is pleaſed to command, That the following Rules, Orders, and Inſtructions, ſhall be ſtrictly complied with in future, as well by the Commiſſioners as by the ſubordinate Officers of the Department, and all others concerned.

2. A Board of Commiſſioners ſhall aſſemble at leaſt once in every Week on a certain Day, and at a certain Hour, to be ſettled by themſelves, within ten Days from the Date hereof, and to be ſubmitted to the Lord Lieutenant for his approbation. A Board ſhall conſiſt of three Commiſſioners at the leaſt, and a Liſt of the attending Commiſſioners ſhall be returned weekly to the Chief Secretary, for the Information of the Lord Lieutenant. The Secretary and Superviſor of Accounts ſhall regularly attend at the Meetings of the Board of Commiſſioners, and produce a written Statement of the Buſineſs tranſacted in their reſpective Offices, ſubſequent to the laſt Meeting of the Commiſſioners, and alſo of the further Buſineſs to be then ſubmitted to the Commiſſioners for their conſideration and deciſion.

3. The principal Perſon inhabiting any Houſe, or occupying any Office appertaining to the Public, may, in caſes of immediate neceſſity, where the Expenditure ſhall not appear to him to exceed Five Pounds, ſend an Order in writing for the required Repairs, or Furniture, to the Architect; who ſhall, upon receiving it, indorſe in writing, that according to his judgment the Expenditure will or will not exceed Five Pounds; and if he eſtimates it not to exceed Five Pounds, he ſhall forthwith proceed to execute ſuch Order.

4. But if the Architect ſhall eſtimate and indorſe the Order to exceed Five Pounds, he ſhall return ſuch Order to the Perſon who ſent it, and thereupon ſuch Perſon muſt make application in writing to the Commiſſioners, ſtating that caſual Repairs are required, or Furniture wanted, and deſcribing the ſame; whereupon an Order ſhall iſſue from the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſigned by the Secretary of the Board, and addreſſed to the Architect, directing him to ſurvey the Premiſes, and to certify the propriety of the Application, with the probable Expence, which Application ſhall then be finally ſigned by the Individual from whom it firſt proceeded, and returned to the Secretary to be laid before the next Board. Applications, thus verified, ſhall be deemed ſufficient authority for the Architect to proceed upon, unleſs the amount exceeds Fifty Pounds.

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5. In which caſe (provided the amount does not exceed £.100) the Repair or Furniture may be directed by the Commiſſioners on a Survey, Eſtimate, and Report, ſigned by the Architect, and ſtating the ſame as neceſſary, and not merely ornamental, according to the directions of the Civil Liſt Act. Theſe Works may be executed by Contract, or by the Tradeſmen or Workmen employed by the Board, as may appear moſt œconomical to the Commiſſioners.

6. When any new Works or Repairs, or Furniture, ſhall be eſtimated by the Architect to exceed the Sum of £. 100, the Eſtimate ſhall be laid before the Lord Lieutenant for his Approbation, to be ſignified in writing; which being obtained, the Commiſſioners ſhall proceed to contract for the execution of the ſame by public advertiſement in the newspapers, and by competition, before a Board of Commiſſioners.

7. On all Contracts made in the manner aforeſaid, the Commiſſioners are to take good and ſufficient Security for the execution of the Works, upon the perfecting ſuch Contract and Security, the Commiſſioners are not to advance a greater ſum than one-third of the amount of the Contract, nor are they to advance any further ſum until the Architect ſhall have certified to them, upon oath, that the Work has proceeded ſo far as to entitle the Contractor to the advance he deſires. And in all caſes one-third of the amount of the Contract ſhall be reſerved until the Work be completely finiſhed, and appear on examination and certificate, ſigned by the Architect, that the Work is well executed, and that Payment for the ſame is juſtly due.

8. Applications for caſual Repairs or Furniture for the Chief Governor's apartments in *Dublin Caſtle*, or the Lodge in the *Phœnix Park*, may be ſigned by the Private Secretary, the Steward, or the Controller of the Houſehold, and for public Offices by the acting Principal in each office, who ſhall thereupon become reſponſible for the propriety of the application.

9. The Commiſſioners ſhall, within three Months from the date hereof, cauſe duplicate Inventories to be made of the ſeveral articles of Furniture provided at the public charge in the reſpective apartments and offices, to be interchangeably ſigned by the Officer anſwerable for the Furniture, and by the Architect, one part to remain with each of them. Theſe Inventories are to be entered in a book kept by the Superviſor of Accounts, each Inventory under the head of the Apartments to which it belongs. Whenever new Articles are provided or ſupplied in the place of old, they are to be added to the reſpective Inventories, with the coſt, and the date when they were provided, and a note to the old Article, ſhewing what became of it. The Furniture ſhall be inſpected annually in the Month of *June*, and invariably on every change of Occupier (whereof each Occupier is to ſend written notice to the Architect) and at ſuch Inſpections, compared with the Inventory, and any loſs or injury (wear and tear excepted) ſhall be made good by the Occupier, or in caſe of his death, by his Repreſentative.

10. That the Occupiers of every houſe appertaining to the Public may be aware of this Condition, and fully informed of the proper manner of applying for Repairs or Furniture, the Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe the paragraphs of theſe Inſtructions, numbered 3—4—5—6—8—9—10. to be forthwith printed, and tranſmitted, with a proper Circular Letter, to all ſuch Occupiers of Houſes, and to the Principal of each Office furniſhed and repaired by the Board of Works; and at all other times, theſe printed Inſtructions ſhall be furniſhed to theſe Perſons on demand.

11. To avoid all confuſion in the Bills and Charges of the Tradeſmen and Workmen employed, the Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe them to keep a diſtinct Account, and to preſent a diſtinct Bill, without any eraſure or vague Charges for ſundries, &c. for the Repairs and Furniture ordered by or for each Individual, in the name of ſuch Individual, and in the ſame manner as if ſuch Individuals were to pay the Bills each for himſelf, and alſo diſtinguiſhing the Charges incurred by the execution of each ſeparate Order received; and no Bill ſhall be preſented to the Commiſſioners for allowance and payment, until it has been ſigned by the Perſon by whoſe Order, or

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on whose application, the Charge has been incurred, which Person shall be thereby justified in withholding his signature until the Work or Furniture ordered shall be completed according to the Order given. The Bill shall then be left a reasonable time in the possession of the Architect or Overseer of Buildings, or Overseer of other Works, under whose immediate inspection the Charge has been incurred, for examination of said Charge, and who may make abatement for any over-charge; and when he shall have so reduced it, or shall have determined it to be fair, and what is usually paid by private Persons on a similar Order, he shall also sign it, having previously written a form of words to this effect:—"I do certify, That the above is a just demand "for Work done, or Furniture delivered *(as the case may be)*, at the House or "Office, or Gardens, of *A. B.* and according to the Charge for such Articles in the "fair course of Trade at Ready Money Price." The Bill may then be presented to the Commissioners, and, if allowed and passed by them, shall be delivered into the custody of the Supervisor of Accounts.

12. All Salaries of Officers in the Department, Bills, Charges, and Advances on Contracts, shall be paid Quarterly, and at no other time; for which purpose the Commissioners shall, within ten days from the end of each Quarter, cast up the Total Amount of all such Bills, Charges, and Advances, allowed by them within that Quarter; and having presented an Account thereof to the Lord Lieutenant, the same shall, if approved, be transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant's Chief Secretary, or in his Absence by the under Secretary, or other acting Principal in the Civil Department of his Office, to the Lords of the Treasury, and thereupon a Credit to that amount shall be given by the Lords of the Treasury upon the National Bank, in favour of the said Commissioners, who shall proceed to discharge the said Salaries, Bills, Charges, or Advances, by Drafts on the National Bank, payable at sight, and signed by three Commissioners at least.

13. The Commissioners shall cause the paragraghs in these Instructions numbered 11—12—13. to be forthwith printed, and transmitted to all Tradesmen and Workmen employed by the Board, and at all times these printed Instructions shall be furnished to the said Tradesmen or Workmen on demand.

14. The Annual Estimate of probable Expenditure for the consideration of Parliament, and any Accounts of actual Expenditure, which may be required by the Lord Lieutenant, or by the Authority of Parliament, shall be drawn up, under the superintendance and signature of the Commissioners, by the proper Officers of the Department.

15. The Commissioners shall not admit any Officer under them to be a Contractor, Tradesmen, or Artificer employed by them, or to be an Agent for any such Contractor, Tradesman, or Artificer.

16. The Commissioners shall cause all old Materials of Buildings to be valued by the Architect, and to be especially allowed for in Contracts for new Works, or advertised in the public Newspapers, and sold upon the spot to the highest Bidder; in which case they shall transmit an attested Account of such Sale to the Lords of the Treasury, and pay the proceeds of the same to the Teller of the Exchequer.

17. They are to administer to all their subordinate Officers an Oath of Office in the following Form:—"I, *A. B.* do swear, That I will be true and faithful in the "Office of during the time I shall be so employed, that I will "execute the same diligently, faithfully, and impartially, and further do all things "without having any private respect to myself, in prejudice of the Service in which "I am thus engaged."

18. The Commissioners are hereby authorized and enjoined to examine, superintend, and controul the Conduct of the subordinate Officers, as well as the general Expenditure of the Department, and to state to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, for His Excellency's information, all instances of Irregularity, or unwarrantable

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rantable Expenditure of the Public Money, which they may obſerve in any tranſactions under the official cognizance of their Department.

19. They are to ſuffer no Fees whatever to be received on any pretence by the ſubordinate Officers of their Department, on pain of immediate diſmiſſion.

20. And finally, they are to deliver and explain, and enforce the ſubſequent Inſtructions for the Conduct and reſpective Duties of each Officer in their Department:—

21.—1. The Secretary of the Commiſſioners of the Board of Works ſhall receive all Letters and Applications addreſſed to the Commiſſioners, and ſhall, according to their Directions, open all ſuch Letters and Applications, and make regular Entry of the ſame, and of the Board's Anſwers thereto, in a Correſpondence Book to be kept for that purpoſe.

2. He ſhall attend at all Boards, and take Minutes of their Proceedings; he ſhall draw up and counterſign all Orders iſſued by the Commiſſioners, and ſhall regularly regiſter all ſuch Minutes and Orders in a book or books appropriated to theſe purpoſes.

3. He ſhall, in conjunction with the Supervifor of Accounts, draw up all Accounts to be laid before Parliament, and all Applications for the Board for Advances of Money, all Eſtimates of the Expenditure of the Department which may be required by the Lord Lieutenant, or by the Authority of Parliament.

4. And in general, he ſhall implicitly obey all lawful Orders and Directions which he may at any time receive from the Commiſſioners.

22.—1. The Architect ſhall eſtimate and indorſe the probable Expence of all Orders ſent to him by Individuals occupying any Houſe or Office appertaining to the Public; viz. whether ſuch Orders exceed Five Pounds, Fifty Pounds, or One hundred Pounds.

2. He ſhall ſurvey and examine all Works and Furniture, for which no Contract has been made, as ſoon as completed; and if he ſhall approve of the Charge, Execution, and Materials, he ſhall ſign the Bills when delivered to him for that purpoſe.

3. But if he ſhall ſee cauſe for refuſing his Signature, he ſhall lay the Bill, with his Obſervations thereupon, before the Commiſſioners, at their next Meeting, who ſhall direct his further proceedings in that caſe as to them may ſeem expedient.

4. He ſhall draw Plans, and form Eſtimates of all orders for Works or Purchaſes indorſed by him to exceed Fifty Pounds, and on Direction from the Commiſſioners ſhall proceed with ſuch legal aid as they ſhall think fit to employ and pay, to draw up a careful and proper Form of Contract, that no damage may enſue to the Public by the open competition directed to be held before the Board of Commiſſioners.

5. He ſhall ſuperintend the progreſs of every Building or other Work carrying on by ſuch Contract, and if his remonſtrances concerning defective workmanſhip or materials are not attended to by the Contractor, the Architect ſhall proceed to report the ſame to the Commiſſioners for their conſideration.

6. He ſhall annually, or oftener if neceſſary, ſurvey all Buildings under the care of the Commiſſioners, and having made a Report to the Commiſſioners, ſhall receive and execute their Orders thereupon.

7. He

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7. He shall occasionally superintend the Admeasurement of all Works; and shall have authority to cause the Measurer to measure a second time in his presence any Work, the Admeasurement of which shall appear to him to be erroneous.

8. He shall, at his own expence, procure the assistance of skilful Persons in every case wherein he shall deem himself not fully competent to perform the above Instructions to the best advantage; which Persons so employed by him shall make oath before the Commissioners that they have acted fairly towards the Public in the employment assigned to them by the Architect.

9. He shall always have the half of his Annual Salary in advance, that he may be enabled to discharge all such small Incidental Expences in Buildings or other Works as may be most conveniently paid immediately on Performance, and shall produce before the Commissioners at the end of each Quarter, a Quarterly Bill of these small Payments, drawn up by himself, or by his Orders, and stated under distinct heads, as incurred for the House or Premises of each Individual.

10. This Bill shall be signed by all the Persons so paid, each for his own share of the payment; and the whole Bill, and every part thereof, shall be certified to be just by the Architect on oath before the Commissioners, who shall thereupon make payment to him in the same manner as to Tradesmen and Workmen whose Bills have been allowed and passed.

11. He may, at his own discretion, dismiss any Workman or Tradesman employed under the Board; such Tradesman or Workman may nevertheless be restored, if upon appeal made by him, the Board shall think fit so to do.

12. He shall register all Orders indorsed by him, and all Surveys, Estimates, and Contracts, in a book to be kept for that purpose; and under every Estimate and Contract shall leave a blank space, wherein shall be registered the actual Expence incurred, with such Observations thereupon as may be approved of by the Commissioners on his representation.

13. He shall keep a book containing a correct List, and general Description of the several Articles in store, with the respective Dates when they were or shall be taken in, and from what House or Apartment as also at what times they shall be delivered out for the use of any House or Apartment belonging to the Public; where Articles are become useless, and are in any considerable quantity, he shall copy the List from his Book, and lay the same before the Commissioners, who shall, if they judge expedient, proceed to dispose of the said Articles by public Sale, and transmit an attested account of such sale to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, and pay the proceeds of the same to the Teller of the Exchequer.

14. And in general, he shall implicitly obey all lawful Orders and Directions which he may at any time receive from the Commissioners.

23.—1. Overseer of Buildings shall forthwith require of every Master of Workmen employed under his superintendance, a written Statement of the usual and accustomed Hours of Work, and of the space or spaces of time allowed for Meals during the Days Work.

2. He shall personally superintend the Conduct of all Workmen and Labourers employed on Public Buildings, taking care that they attend regularly, and perform their several Duties with Diligence, and in a workmanlike manner, for which, and for the Quality of all Materials employed, he shall be answerable to the Architect, to whom he shall report all irregularities of the Workmen, and defects in the Materials, which may come to his knowledge.

3. And

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3. And in general, he ſhall implicitly obey all lawful Orders and Directions which he may at any time receive from the Commiſſioners, or from the Architect, according to whoſe Directions the Overſeer of Buildings is hereby inſtructed to govern himſelf more immediately in the Execution of his Office.

24.—1. The Overſeer of other Works ſhall be reſponſible for the due Execution of all Works carried on, or purchaſes made for the uſe of the Caſtle, Garden, and the *Phœnix Park*, and Pleaſure Grounds therein, belonging to the Public, and keep a book of all Labourers employed under him, ſpecifying their Names, Days, and Hours of Work.

2. He may diſcharge any ſmall Incidental Expence inſtead of the Architect, if authorized and enabled by him ſo to do, in which caſe, the Bill ſhall be ſigned by all the Perſons ſo paid, each for his own ſhare of the Payment; and in caſe any part of the Expence ſhall have been incurred in the Garden or Pleaſure Ground occupied by any Individual, ſuch part of the Bill ſhall be ſigned by ſome Perſon authorized in writing ſo to do by that Individual; and the Overſeer ſhall produce Bills and Receipts ſigned by the Labourers, or other Perſons employed by him, for Monies paid to them in reſpect of ſuch Works; which Bill ſhall ſpecify the Days and Places of doing ſuch Work, the nature of the Work done, and the Monies paid thereupon.

3. And in general, he ſhall implicitly obey all lawful Orders and Directions which he may at any time receive from the Commiſſioners, or from the Architect, according to whoſe Directions the Overſeer of other Works is hereby inſtructed to govern himſelf more immediately in the Execution of his Office.

25.—1. The Meaſurer ſhall proceed to meaſure every Work ſubject to Admeaſurement, as ſoon as the Order for it is completed, and ſhall enter the Admeaſurement in a book to be kept by him for that purpoſe.

2. He ſhall meaſure and calculate all Work by himſelf, and not in Company with the Meaſurer of the Tradeſman and Workman, and ſhall thereupon ſend a Note of ſuch Meaſurement and Calculation, and the Tradeſman or Workman whoſe Work he ſhall have ſo meaſured and calculated; and if the Statement of the Meaſurer ſhall not agree with the Statement in the Bill to be examined, a ſecond Admeaſurement ſhall, if required, be taken in the preſence of the Architect, and of the Perſon preſenting ſuch Bill for Payment, if ſaid Perſon ſhall think fit to attend.

3. And in general, he ſhall implicitly obey all lawful Orders and Directions which he may at any time receive from the Commiſſioners, or from the Architect according to whoſe Directions the Meaſurer is hereby inſtructed to govern himſelf more immediately in the Execution of his Office.

26.—1. The Superviſor of Accounts ſhall keep a book regiſtering the whole Expenditure of the Department; ſtating the Particulars of the whole Expence incurred on every Order ſeparately, and opening a ſeparate Account for each public Building, Dwelling-houſe, and Office, with an Index to facilitate immediate Reference.

2. The Account of the Expenditure on each Order muſt be preceded by a Copy of that Order, and of all Surveys, Eſtimates, Contracts, or other official Documents which may have ariſen thereupon, which Documents ſhall remain in his cuſtody, and he ſhall be reſponſible that they ſhall be forthcoming whenever called for by proper Authority.

3. The Superviſor of Accounts ſhall keep a book of Salaries and Wages, which are to be paid and diſcharged quarterly, by a Draft at ſight on the National Bank, ſigned by three Commiſſioners at the leaſt.

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4. He ſhall examine all Bills to ſee that they are duly certified, according to the tenor of theſe Inſtructions, and ſhall try the accuracy of the computations and caſtings of ſuch Bills.

5. He ſhall carefully file all Bills allowed and paſſed by the Commiſſioners, and ſhall lay them all before the Commiſſioners, at or before the laſt Meeting of the Board in each Quarter, that the Total Amount may be then aſcertained by the Commiſſioners.

6. He ſhall require a ſufficient Receipt from each Perſon paid at the end of the Quarter, and depoſit and arrange all ſuch Receipts and Bills diſcharged, ſo as to inſure a ready reference to any of them at all times when wanted.

7. He ſhall, in conjunction with the Secretary, draw up an annual Account of the Expences of the Department, under the following general heads:

1. Salaries and Wages.
2. New Erections.
3. Repairs.
4. Gardens and Pleaſure Grounds.
5. Purchaſe of Furniture.
6. Contingencies.

This Account ſhall commence the 6th Day of January in each Year, and terminate on the 5th Day of January in the next Year.

8. He ſhall keep a regular Book Account with the National Bank, in the name of the Commiſſioners of the Board of Works, and ſhall lay this book before the Commiſſioners on the ſecond Board Day from the commencement of each Quarter.

9. And in general, he ſhall implicitly obey all lawful Orders and Directions which he may at any time receive from the Commiſſioners.

27. All Inferior Officers of the Eſtabliſhment, for whoſe conduct no ſpecific Inſtructions are hereby given, ſhall implicitly obey all lawful Orders and Directions which they may at any time receive from the Commiſſioners, or from any other Officer of the Eſtabliſhment, under whoſe ſpecial ſuperintendance ſuch inferior Officers ſhall be placed by the Commiſſioners.

28. The Commiſſioners ſhall not be authorized to depart from the tenor of theſe Inſtructions without having obtained the conſent of the Lord Lieutenant or Chief Governor in writing to that Effect; but they may, and are hereby directed to ſubmit to his conſideration, from time to time, ſuch Alterations in any of theſe Inſtructions, or ſuch Additions thereunto, as may appear to them to conduce to the better Execution of the Services required from the Commiſſioners of the Board of Works.

Given at His Majeſty's Caſtle of Dublin,
the 30th Day of December 1801.

CHARLES ABBOT.

Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Caſtle.

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EXTRACT from a Repreſentation of the COMMISSIONERS of the BOARD of WORKS; dated 15th January 1802.

" In Obedience to your Excellency's Order of the 31ſt of December, we
" have peruſed your Excellency's Inſtructions, and will endeavour to
" comply implicitly therewith."

Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Caſtle.

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